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COMBINATION OF 2,3-DIBENZYLBUTYROLACTONE AND

LICOCHALCONE-A

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents cited in the International Search Report for International Application PCT/EP2004/013254 of which the above-referenced application is a National Stage:

- (1) SHIBATA S. et al., "Inhibitory Effects of Licochalcone A isolated from Glycyrrhiza Inflata Root on Inflammatory Ear Edema and Tumor Promotion in Mice", Planta Medica, vol. 57, No. 3, 1991, pp. 221-224;
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,214,352 B1 (MATSUKAWA), April 10, 2001;
- (3) WO 03/070152 A2, August 28, 2003;
- (4) JP 2003-201214 A, July 18, 2003, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof (provided by Patent Abstracts of Japan);

- (5) English language abstract of KR 2002046615, June 21, 2002 (provided by WPI/Derwent);
- (6) WO 03/099244 A1, December 4, 2003;
- U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0093633 A1 (STAB et al.), May 4, 2006; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (6);
  - (8) WO 03/101414 A1, December 11, 2003; Applicants note that this document is also cited in the German Search Report for German Application DE 103 57 451.4 of which the above-referenced application claims priority. This document is categorized in the German Search Report as X document, i.e. casting doubt on novelty or non-obviousness by itself;
  - (9) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0037042 A1 (TOM DIECK et al.), February 17, 2005; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (8).

Applicants further direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents cited in the German Search Report for German Application DE 103 57 451.4 of which the present application claims priority:

(10) U.S. Patent No. 5,609,875 (HADAS), March 11, 1997; this document is categorized in the German Search Report as Y document, i.e., casting doubt on non-obviousness in combination with other documents;

- (11) EP 0 998 939 A1, May 10, 2000; this document is categorized in the German Search Report as Y document, i.e., casting doubt on non-obviousness in combination with other documents;
- (12) WO 01/95923 A1, December 20, 2001; this document is categorized in the German Search Report as Y document, i.e., casting doubt on nonobviousness in combination with other documents;
- (13) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0022665 A1 (ROSEN et al.), February 21, 2002; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (12).

Applicants further direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents which are cited and discussed in the present application:

- (14) FROSCH P.J. et al. "A Method for Appraising the Stinging Capacity of Topically Applied Substances", Journal of the Society of Cosmetic Chemists, vol. 28, May 1997, pp. 197-209; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed at page 7, line 1 of the present application;
- (15) DEFLANDRE A. et al. "Photostability Assessment of Sunscreens.

  Benzylidene Camphor and Dibenzoylmethane Derivatives",

  International Journal of Cosmetic Science, vol. 10, 1988, pp. 53-62;

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  line 9 of the present application;

- (16) VOECKEL A. et al. "Vorkommen und Photo-Isomerisierung der Urocaninsäure im stratum corneum bei polymorpher Lichtdermatose (PLD). Vergleichende Untersuchung bei PLD-Patienten und Hautgesunden", Zentralblatt Haut, vol. 156, 1989, pp. 1-15; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed at page 13, line 11 of the present application;
- (17) MIYACHI Y. "Skin Diseases Associated with Oxidative Injury" in "Oxidative Stress in Dermatology" edited by Jürgen Fuchs, Frankfurt and Lester Packer, Berkeley, Marcel Dekker Inc., New York, Basel, Hong Kong, pp. 323-331; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed at page 13, line 19 of the present application;
- (18) U.S. Patent No. 4,144,325 (VOYT), March 13, 1979; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed at page 13, line 29 of the present application;
- (19) U.S. Patent No. 4,248,861 (SCHUTT). February 3, 1981; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed at page 13, line 29 of the present application;
- (20) DE 33 14 742 A1, October 25, 1984; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed at page 27, line 21 of the present application;
- (21) U.S. Patent No. 4,514,231 (KERNER et al.), April 30, 1985; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (20).

Furthermore, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following copending and commonly assigned U.S. applications:

- (22) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0158350 A1 (MAX et al.), July 21, 2005;
- (23) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0186295 A1 (STAB et al.), August 25, 2005;
- (24) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0201967 A1 (ALBRECHT et al.), September 15, 2005;
- (25) U.S. Application No. 10/571,530 to BLATT et al., filed March 10, 2006 (I.A. filed August 16, 2004) and entitled "USE OF LICOCHALCONE A OR OF AN EXTRACT CONTAINING LICOCHALCONE A FROM RADIX GLYCYRRHIZAE INFLATAE AGAINST SKIN AGING".

Copies of the above-listed documents (with the exception of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications), the International Preliminary Report on Patentability (in English and German) for International Application PCT/EP2004/013254 and the German Search Report for German Application DE 103 57 451.4 are enclosed together with a completed copy of the Form PTO-1449 listing these documents (the International Search Report (in English and German) for International Application PCT/EP2004/013254 was filed on June 1, 2006). Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the next official communication.

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(a)(2)(iii), copies of the U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications cited above are

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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the

undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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